

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q66255

Robert HOFNEER, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/989,377

Group Art Unit: 2667

Confirmation No.: 1293

Examiner: Christopher P. GREY

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOAD BALANCING IN SYSTEMS HAVING  
REDUNDANCY

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Notice of Non-compliant Appeal Brief of October 25, 2006 to December 26, 2006.

The statutory fee of \$60.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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